

Timothy's Story

I Timothy Juma Omondi would like to take this opportunity to give my testimony on how the sponsorship program has been beneficial to me. I am the eldest son in a house of six children. My father passed on, on 13 May 2008 while I was in class five. After his death, I left home to go stay with my aunt who lived in Kisumu. My aunt being family and knew the struggles we had; took me in and provided for my basic needs as I were her biological child.

The cruel hand of death struck again in May of 2011. My mother passed on, leaving us total orphans. That dashed all the hope I had in furthering my education. This was further compounded by the fact that my aunt was a peasant farmer and catering for my secondary education was a toll order for her; keeping in mind catering for our needs. However, I did my Kenya certificate of primary education while staying with my aunt in the year 2012. At one point my aunt suggested that I go look for the remedial jobs so that I could cater for some of my needs. I was not able to do that because I was too young. Therefore, I decided to go back to our rural home and stayed with my paternal uncle.

Unprecedented issues arose, and I was not able to join form one due to lack of school fees. So I had to repeat class eight. I joined a school in our rural home. While in school, the headteacher told me of the sponsorship program offered to bright and needy students by Matangwe Community Health & Development program [MCHDP]. When the results were released, I was the top student in my class garnering 309 marks out of 500. This motivated me, and I took the journey to apply for the sponsorship.

First stop was MCHDP, where I was welcomed with open arms and handled as a very important person. I was later ushered into the Sponsorship Facilitators office, who by then was Lillian Arita. She received me very well and handled with utmost respect. I felt at home while at Matangwe. In addition, I was taken through the details concerning the sponsorship program. After that I was given the application letter which I carefully and truthfully filled. I submitted the application and waited for the feedback.

After a month, Lillian Arita, called my guardian to inform me to report to MCHDP as soon as possible. On the way I asked myself a lot of questions on why the sudden urgency. I wondered whether I got the sponsorship or failed. On reaching the office, she gave me a sealed envelope with bright smile on her face. I quickly opened the letter and I could not believe my eyes. I had been granted the sponsorship. The excitement was immense, and I thanked God for this opportunity and ran home to deliver the good news to my guardian.

I thank MCHDP for the opportunity and I am forever grateful to the entire Matangwe community for it. This is a privilege that I hold dear and I have made a commitment to ensure that this support is not in vain. This has enabled me to pursue my dream. If it were not for MCHDP I would not have been where I am today. Currently I am a first-year student at Kisumu National Polytechnic; undertaking a Certificate course in Road Construction.

Thank you very much and may God richly bless you.

Regards,

Timothy Juma Omondi

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